ऋणों पर ब्याज दर में वृद्धि और (iv) आयात वित्त पर ब्याज दर अधि प्रभार।

हस्तक्षेप के परिणामस्वरूप, रुपया-डालर विनिमय दर उन स्तरों पर स्थिर हो गई जो मूलभूत आंकड़ों के अनुरूप है। एफ०ई०डी०ए० आई० सूचक दरें एक नवम्बर, 1995 से 35 रुपए प्रति डालर से नीचे बनी हुई हैं। विदेशी मुद्रा के प्रवाह के उपायों के सकारात्मक प्रतिक्रिया देने की संभावना है जिनका उद्देश्य विदेशी मुद्रा की आपूर्ति को बढ़ाना तथा मांग में कमी लाना भी है।

Special Audit of STC and MMTC

223. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that special audit is being conducted on various export deals of State Trading Corporation and Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation; and

(b) if so, what are details of the deals which have been audited and what are the details of the Audit/Report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha, as soon as it is available.

Amount released by DAVP for Advertisement to Newspapers Published in Rajkot

224. SHRI GOPAL SINGH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount released by DAVP for advertisement to newspapers published in Rajkot city during the year 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) what are the rates per CM/column fixed by DAVP for such newspapers; and

(c) what is the logic behind such fixation of rates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) The expenditure committed on release of advertisements by DAVP to newspapers published in Rajkot city during the years 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 is as under:—

Years	Amount (Rs.)
1990-91	6,85,546
1991-92	9,91,050
1992-93	13,09,296
1993-94	14,17,994
1994-95	9,41,026

(b) and (c) The advertisement rates are fixed on the basis of a formula devised by an expert Committee known as the Rate Structure Committee. The formula is worked out by the Committee after undertaking an indepth study of the costs involved in the production of newspapers. The advertisement rates vary from paper to paper, depending upon their circulation.

Revival of flights to Kanpur

225. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to revive all the flights to Kanpur; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Due to crew constraint, Indian Airlines is, at present, not in a position to reintroduce its services to Kanpur.

Reduction in Excise Duty

226. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of instances since 1993-94 where sellers and traders have lowered their prices consequent to the lowering of excise duties by Government;